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In re Application of

Henri Hansson et al

Serial No: 10/002,527

Filed: October 25, 2001

Attorney Docket No: 1506-1005-1

: PETITION DECISION

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.181, filed November 21, 2003, requesting withdrawal of abandonment based on non-receipt of an Office action. The delay in acting on this petition is regretted.

A review of the file history shows that a REVOCATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY (dated August 2, 2002) was filed designating Benoit Castel and others of Young and Thompson as attorneys with power to prosecute the above-identified application. For unknown reasons this Power of Attorney was placed in the file, but never entered on Office records which resulted in the first Office action and subsequent Notice of Abandonment being mailed to the previous attorneys of record. The correct attorneys never received any communications from the Office. Applicants state that neither the Notice of Allowance nor the Notice of Abandonment was received and provide statements and docket record evidence of non-receipt in support thereof pursuant to MPEP 711.03. In view of the above evidence the Notice of Abandonment is withdrawn and the application restored to pending status with the mailing of this decision.

Applicant's petition under 37 CFR 1.181, is GRANTED.

Applicants alternative request for relief under 37 CFR 1.137(b) is rendered moot.

The application will be forwarded to the examiner for mailing of a new Office action.

Should there be any questions regarding this decision, please contact William R. Dixon, Jr., by letter addressed to Director, TC 1600, at the address listed above, or by telephone at (571) 272-0519 or by facsimile transmission at 703-872-9306..

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